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SUBJECT: NEI 97-06, *Steam Generator Program Guidelines*, Revision 1

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Dear Mr. Collins:

On December 11, 2000, NEI submitted the industry's revised Steam Generator Program Generic License Change Package for NRC review and endorsement. This package included a draft of revision 1 to NEI 97-06, *Steam Generator Program Guidelines*. The final version of revision 1 was issued to the industry on January 8, 2001. The purpose of this letter is to formally transmit the final document to the NRC staff. We are not seeking NRC approval of NEI 97-06.

Revision 1 to NEI 97-06 reflects the resolution of the issues addressed during the development of the Steam Generator Program Generic License Change Package. The final version of revision 1 is essentially the same as the draft copy included in our December letter. Implementation of the steam generator program requirements in NEI 97-06 represents an improvement in steam generator operation, inspection, and maintenance. From our perspective, the NRC and industry are fundamentally in agreement with the content of this document.

This submittal provides information that might be helpful to NRC staff when evaluating plant-specific license amendment requests. Such reviews are exempted under §170.21, Schedule of Facility Fees. Footnote 4 to the Special Projects provision of §170.21 states, "Fees will not be assessed for requests/reports submitted to the NRC ... [a]s means of exchanging information between industry organizations and the NRC for the purpose of supporting generic regulatory improvements or efforts."

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